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Dear Valued Customer.

We are excited to inform you that the best of two worlds are coming together to bring you the greatest value Metalworking has to offer! MSC Industrial Supply has agreed to acquire American Tool Supply (ATS), and it's grinding division, American Specialty Grinding (ASG), effective July 18, 2011. This acquisition will now bring together the most talented associates in the metalworking industry, as well as an ever broader variety of products and solutions to more effectively service our valuable customers.

ATS is a very highly-regarded regional metalworking distributor with a team of proven metalworking specialists and services. This partnership will offer you, not only the many benefits you have become accustomed to with MSC, but will eventually provide you with the addition of ASG's grinding business which will add the ability to provide special, modified, and re-grind tool services.

As always, our goal is to provide an outstanding customer experience, and we will communicate any business changes to you in a timely fashion. We remain dedicated to responding to our customers' needs with the industry leading level of service that you have come to expect from us, and expect to build on this using the synergies of American Tool Supply and MSC.

Details of the integration plan will take some time to finalize. In the meantime, please continue to use ATS and MSC as you do today. Please reach out to your MSC representative with any questions. Thank you for your support

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